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SUBJECT: GOV MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR VISIT AUGUST 1976

1. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR HAS RECEIVED INVITATION FROM MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS OF GOV INVITING DELEGATION INCLUDING TEAM OF EXPERTS FROM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS) AND FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (FWS) TO VISIT PROPOSED PARK AND RESERVE SITES IN VENEZUELA 15-28 AUGUST 1976. GOV REQUESTS US TEAM COME PREPARED PARTICIPATE IN "STUDY GROUP TO DRAFT DEFINITIVE PROPOSALS" FOR A REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER IN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND THE PLANNING OF PARKS, RESERVES AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT; ALSO, TO DISCUSS JOINT PROGRAMS FOR CONSERVATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES.

2. VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE BEGAN WITH VISIT OF FOUNDATION FOR DEFENSE OF NATURE (FUDENA) DIRECTOR DR. FRANCISCO KERDEL VEGAS IN JUNE 1976 TO DISCUSS VENEZUELAN PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PARKS AND RESERVES WITH CORRESPONDING US ORGANIZATIONS. TALKS WITH INTERIOR DEPARTMENT FWS AND NPS OFFICERS
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RESULTED IN AGREEMENT TO DEVELOP COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN-

CLUDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY FWS AND NPS. VENEZUELAN
AMBASSADOR TO US, MIGUEL ANGEL BURELLI, CLOSE FRIEND OF DR.
KERDEL-VEGAS TOOK PART IN PROCEEDINGS, CO-SIGNED MEMORANDUM

AND PLANS TO ACCOMPANY US DELEGATION TO VENEZUELA. VENE-
ZUELAN APPEAR ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO US VISIT
AND HAVE INDICATED THEY WOULD PREFER IT BE LED BY HIGH
LEVEL US GOVERNMENT PERSON. LATTER POSES DIFFICULTIES BUT
INTERIOR DEPARTMENT WILL ACCOMMODATE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE.
WILL ADVISE NAMES OF DELEGATION MEMBERS (PROBABLY SIX IN
NUMBER) AS SOON AS ASSIGNMENTS COMPLETED. PROVIDING
COPIES PERTINENT ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE FOR YOUR REF-
ERENCE BY POUCH.

3. THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE PARTICULARLY TIMELY IN VIEW OF
CURRENT US GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES RELATING TO IMPLEMENTA-
TION OF CONVENTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED
SPECIES (RATIFIED BY VENEZUELA IN JUNE 1976) AND NATURE
PROTECTION AND WILDLIFE PRESERVATION IN THE WESTERN HEMI-
SPHERE (OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY JUNE 1976 ADOPTED RESOLUTION
INTRODUCED BY US TO PROMOTE IMPLEMENTAION OF LATTER).

4. U.S. GOVERNMENT ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE TO
PROPOSED COOPERATION WITH GOV AS IT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY
DEMONSTRATE US CONCERN AND DETERMINATION TO TAKE EFFECTIVE
ACTION IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO CONSERVE
WILD FLORA AND FAUNA, PROTECT ENDANGERED SPECIES AND PRE-
SERVE ECOSYSTEMS THROUGH CREATION OF PARKS AND PRESERVES.
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